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Secretariat

Number of peons in the Secretariat.

* 1751 Q.—Rao Sahib L. C. GURUSWAMI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) how many peons are detailed for duty for in-door work of office sections in each department of the Secretariat;

(b) whether it is a fact that these peons are sent away on out-door work frequently leaving the section heads and clerks to do peon's work; and

(c) whether the Government have at any time tried the system of employing boy attendants to attend on section heads and clerks for in-door work as in the Madras Commercial Houses instead of adult peons, and with what result?

A.—(a) A statement^a showing the sanctioned number of peons for office sections of the several departments of the Secretariat is appended.

(b) No. The provision made allows for one or two of the peons detailed for office duty in each department being sent out as messengers when occasion demands.

(c) No.

Settlement

Proposed levy of enhanced assessment in Malabar.

* 1752 Q.—Mr. K. V. SURYANARAYANA AYYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government propose to levy enhanced assessment in Malabar under the resettlement scheme on lands whose productive capacity has been increased as a result of improvements effected therein by the people concerned;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, on what basis is such enhanced assessment made and whether it is the same as in the case of lands, whose productive capacity has increased owing to natural causes; and

(c) whether the Government propose to assess all the waste lands in the district and, if so, at what rate and on what basis?

A.—(a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clauses (c) and (d) to question No. 179 answered on 9th August 1929 and to the supplementary questions and answers thereto.

(c) No such proposal is under the consideration of Government.

Wild Animals

Destruction of wild animals in South Kanara.

* 1753 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of cattle killed by wild animals in South Kanara in 1929; and

(b) the total amount of rewards given for killing tigers in South Kanara in 1929?

^a Printed as Appendix IV on page 939 infra.

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Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know if any steps have been taken to remedy the situation that has been created in the Government Presses by the dismissal of large numbers of men and suspension of still larger numbers ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" There is absolutely no such situation created."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" Have the Government made any enquiry ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Yes."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" What is the result of the enquiry ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" There is no such situation."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" What action do they propose to take ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" If there is no situation, where is the necessity for any action ? "

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" May I know if the Labour Commissioner has ever visited any of the Government Presses in Madras ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Yes."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" What is the report ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" No special report."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" May I ask if the Labour Commissioner is satisfied that there is accommodation enough for all the employees ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Sir, the Government themselves are not satisfied with the press buildings. There are proposals for improving them."

Motor Vehicles Act

Number of motor cars and accidents in this Presidency.

* 1696 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of private motor cars and of cars and buses plying for hire in Madras City and in each district of this Presidency at the end of 1929 (figures to be given separately);

(b) the number of car and bus accidents in Madras City and in each district of this Presidency in 1929; and

(c) the proportion in which the number of accidents in 1929 has increased or decreased as compared with 1928 and 1927?

A.—(a) to (c) The Government have no information. A report will be called for.